

**REMARKS**

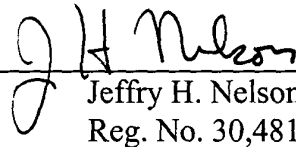
This preliminary amendment is submitted to present claims directed towards a novel method for evaluating hazards resulting from multiple failures in a system, such as a new product being developed. This method is described in the original application at, for example, paragraph numbers 47 to 54 and shown in Figures 14 and 15.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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